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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend claim 24 to read as follows:

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24 (Amended) Method comprising:

providing a work piece comprising a crack extending through the thickness of the work piece, said crack having a closed shape such that the crack surrounds a first portion of said work piece and is surrounded by a second portion of said work piece; and

causing a temperature differential between said first and second portions such that the first portion has a greater temperature than the second portion, thereby facilitating the separation of the first and second portions.

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